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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WEBSTER,

FOR THE

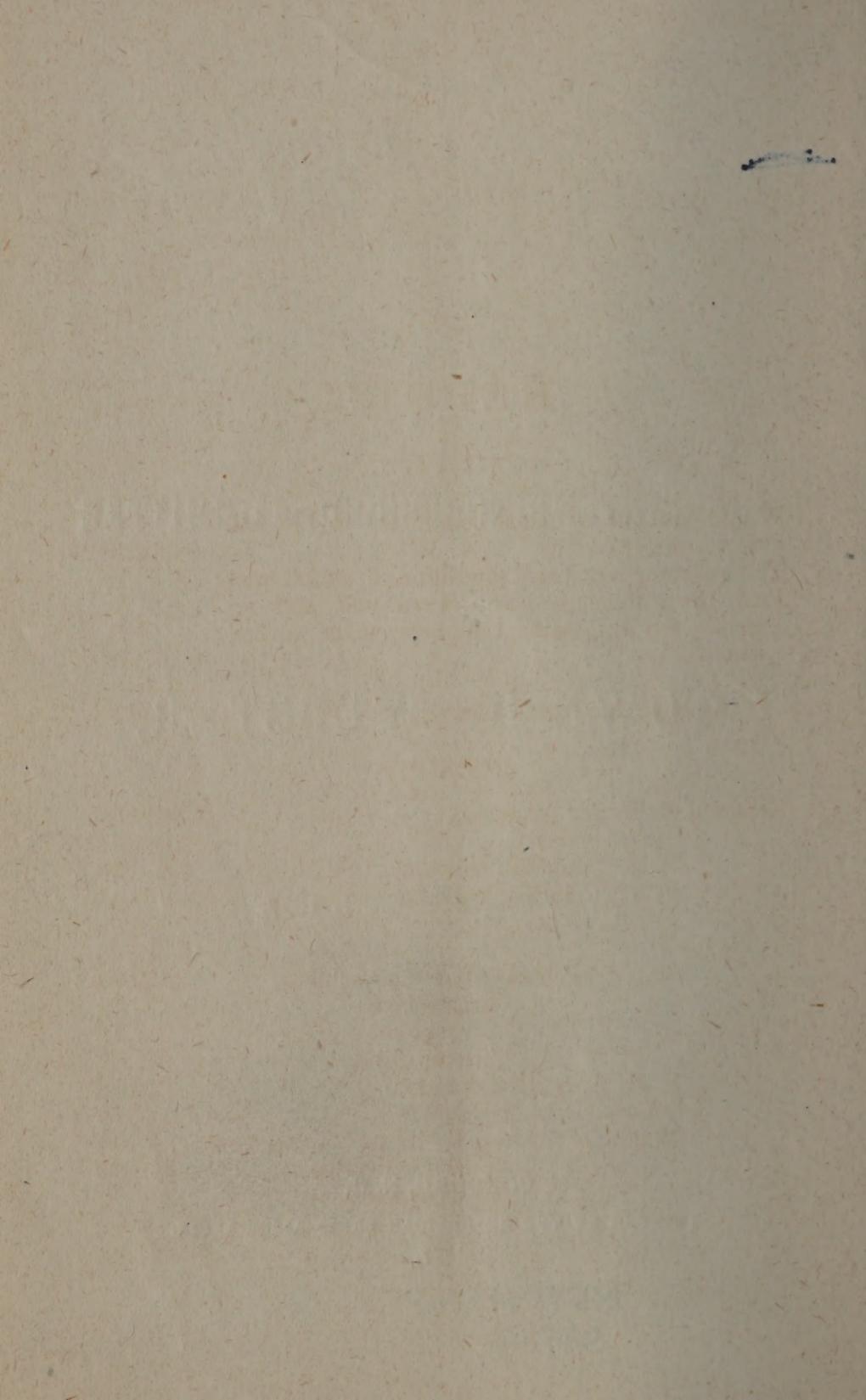
Year ending March 1, 1877.

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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1876 was	\$3,622.98
The collector has discharged himself as follows:	
Paid town treasurer, cash, abatement, and receipts for non-resident highway taxes worked out,	\$3,076.90
Amount due from collector,	\$546.08

RECEIPTS.

Received of former treasurer,	\$696.64
State bonds,	2,000.00
J. H. Trumbull, collector, 1876,	3,076.90
P. W. Whittier, collector, 1875,	604.41
" 1874,	76.39
" 1873,	19.05
State treasurer, interest on bonds,	120.00
" railroad tax,	175.49
" savings bank tax,	924.72
" literary fund,	61.20
N. H. Arey, liquor agent,	20.55
County Commissioners,	226.75
on note of town to H. H. & J. L. Gerrish,	45.00
" I. D. Merrill,	300.00
" Thomas Chase,	200.00
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	\$8,547.10

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid	miscellaneous bills,	\$305.92
	roads and bridges,	387.73
	school money,	904.40
	abatements,	23.98
	support of paupers,	478.96
	state and county tax,	1,645.79
	notes and interest,	566.04
	bonds and interest,	910.24
	non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	86.77
	town-officers,	298.18
	cash in treasury,	889.09
	“ “ dog tax,	38.00
	State bonds in treasury,	2,000.00
	school-house tax,	12.00

		\$8,547.10

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid	H. G. Stone, services as selectman for 1875,	\$2.25
	H. G. Stone, damage by dogs,	6.00
	J. L. Gerrish, services as selectman for 1875,	3.00
	C. C. Kimball, “ “ “ “	6.00
	F. S. Putney, for sheep killed by dogs,	5.00
	B. W. Sanborn & Co., town officer and blanks,	2.60
	N. H. Arey, for sheep killed by dogs,	20.00
	Hollis Jackman, digging graves and care of town-house,	5.00
	Edson C. Eastman, for blank books and paper,	4.40
	Republican Press Association,	32.00
	Isaac Balch, sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
	Jeremiah C. Jackman, refreshments,	2.40
	Atherton Sweatt, board and room rent,	8.00
	John B. Chase, blacksmithing,	1.25
	J. M. Snyder, for iron for bridge,	4.08
	E. W. Holmes & Co., plank for bridges,	16.80
	F. L. Burbank & Son, plank and timber,	93.14
	C. C. Kimball, spikes and plank,	3.00
	H. H. & J. L. Gerrish, shingles for bridge,	3.00

Paid	J. M. Snyder, for spikes,	\$2.00
	John Rines, for damage to carriage,	5.00
	H. B. Fairbanks, <i>digging grave.</i>	3.00
	Joseph H. Noyes, digging grave,	2.00
	Plummer R. Stevens, for use of water,	3.00
	Eastman & Sanborn, for blanks,	2.20
	N. M. Noyes, digging grave,	2.00
	R. E. French, "	2.00
	Perley Jackman, clearing graveyard,	1.50
	Thomas Elliott, use of water,	2.50
	O. H. Fitz, "	2.00
	Joseph H. Sanborn, "	2.00
	Hollis Jackman, care of town-house and digging graves,	8.50
	Abial Trumbull, notifying town officers,	4.00
	J. L. Gerrish, use of horse and expense out of town,	5.50
	C. C. Kimball, " "	11.00
	C. C. Kimball, stationery and postage,	1.25
	C. C. Kimball, use of water,	3.00
	James H. Trumbull, blanks, postage, &c.,	2.50
	Atherton Sweatt, board and room rent,	7.00
	James M. Snyder, use of horse out of town,	4.00
	James M. Snyder, work on roads and bridges,	5.35
	George Little, for nails,	2.05
	P. W. Whittier, for blanks,	1.35
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		\$305.92

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	H. G. Stone, work on bridge,	\$5.00
	Gilman C. Stone, work on roads and bridges, 1873,	9.50
	Farnsworth Shattuck, work on road,	7.00
	George C. Chase, work on road, 1875,	4.50
	William B. Burpee, work and plank,	1.30
	Walter H. Flanders, work on bridge,	1.50
	Thomas Gerrish, 1½ M. shingles,	6.00

Paid H. H. & J. L. Gerrish, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ M. shingles,	\$19.00
Jas. M. Snyder, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ M. shingles,	7.00
Jas. M. Snyder, work on roads and bridges,	5.00
John A. Flanders, " "	12.50
Cyrus A. Stone, work on road,	9.62
Chas. C. Kimball, on roads and bridges,	18.75
Chas. A. Brackett, work on road,	25.53
Hamlet Corser, for shingling bridge,	11.90
Jos. A. Cross, work on roads,	6.87
Caleb P. Little, work on roads,	3.00
Samuel C. Bailey, "	4.50
Carter F. Blanchard, work on roads and bridges,	4.00
John Kilborn, work on roads and bridges,	5.75
Chas. B. Little, " "	5.83
H. B. Fairbanks, " "	5.50
Plummer R. Stevens, work on roads,	4.80
Parker C. Pillsbury, surveyor, breaking roads,	13.42
H. H. Gerrish, " "	17.22
H. F. Pearson, " "	9.00
Heman B. Sanborn, " "	7.25
David N. Couch, breaking roads,	1.25
Chas. E. Putney, surveyor, breaking roads,	8.00
Thos. J. Corser, " "	10.85
Francis S. Putney, breaking road,	3.00
Thomas Elliott, surveyor, breaking roads,	7.50
Gilman Jones, work on road,	1.50
Greenleaf C. Shaw, work on road,	1.00
Hiram Roby, surveyor, breaking roads,	7.60
O. H. Fitz, work on road,	5.00
O. H. Fitz, timber for bridge,	19.07
Joseph H. Sanborn, breaking road,	5.50
R. E. French, "	3.05
W. H. Clough, surveyor, breaking roads,	3.00
Farnsworth Shattuck, surveyor, breaking roads,	8.15
Luther C. Titcomb, " "	30.15
John Johnson, breaking road,	1.60
Chas. H. Fitz, work on highway,	1.50
Moses Whittier, breaking roads,	2.20
Frank Roberts, breaking road,	3.00
Wm. W. Austin, timber and plank,	16.50

Paid Stephen C. Hanson, plank and work,	\$5.27
P. W. Whittier, breaking roads,	3.50
J. L. Gerrish, work on road and bridge,	1.70
Jas. H. Trumbull, breaking roads,	2.25
Josiah S. Adams, work on road and bridge,	2.75
Joseph A. Cross, work on road,	1.65
Benjamin Jackman, "	1.00

	\$387.73
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	86.77

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Gilman C. Stone, on tax of 1874,	\$6.24
George Smart, on tax of 1873,	1.84
Charles W. Spaulding, on tax of 1873,	14.06
William T. Libby,	1.84

	\$23.98

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid John B. Chase, District No. 1,	\$76.63
R. E. French, " 2,	68.99
Edward Buxton, " 3,	122.91
Herbert L. Call, " 4,	72.01
W. H. Clough, " 5,	50.27
G. H. Stone, " 6,	112.41
W. W. Austin, " 7,	71.68
Ezro S. Burbank, " 8,	176.56
H. B. Sanborn, " 9,	145.70
Jason R. C. Hoit, " 10,	7.24

	\$904.40

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid R. Jackman, support of Ira Jackman,	\$78.00
Thomas Hardy, support of Abigail Hardy,	18.00
William Clough, support of Emily and Ruth	
E. Clough,	143.00
George T. Sanborn, support of Susan Sweatt,	87.00

Paid Harriet Spaulding, support of Charles W.	
Spaulding,	\$46.00
D. Hanson, drawing wood for I. Jackman,	8.91
George Hanson, cutting wood for I. Jackman,	5.70
Horace Pingree, support of Dolly Eastman,	10.00
E. P. Everett, "	10.00
Curtice & Stevens, for boots and socks for	
Charles N. Heath,	2.50
Hiram Roby, support of Dolly Eastman,	48.60
Frank D. Tilton, support of Susan Downing,	4.00
Dr. N. H. Arey, medical attendance on	
Spaulding,	17.25
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	\$478.96

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	\$888.00
county tax,	757.79
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	\$1,645.79

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Paid G. H. Stone, District No. 6,	\$12.00
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BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid A. C. Sweatt, interest on bonds,	\$32.70
C. C. Kimball, "	39.24
C. D. Glitten, "	98.10
C. C. Kimball, "	39.24
Calvin Little, "	32.70
Jessie D. Sanborn, "	65.40
Polly Swasey, "	32.70
John Sanborn, "	32.70
George S. Watson, bond and interest,	213.08
H. H. Gerrish, interest on bond,	32.70
Eldad Austin, "	32.70

Paid William Burpee, interest on bond,	\$26.16
George Little, "	32.70
Henry Dodge, "	200.12

	\$910.24

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. C. Kimball, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	\$63.50
J. L. Gerrish, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	49.75
J. M. Snyder, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	52.20
J. H. Trumbull, services as collector,	40.00
Atherton Sweatt, services as town treasurer,	20.00
Atherton Sweatt, services as town clerk,	27.23
W. Abbott, services as S. S. Committee,	7.50
J. M. Snyder, " " "	19.00
E. Little, " " "	19.00

	\$298.18

DEBT OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1877.

In bonds,	\$11,600.00
In note, school district No. 8, in Boscawen,	188.00

	\$11,788.00

ASSETS.

Due from state volunteers' bounties, advanced in 1864,	\$958.40
Due from P. W. Whittier, collector, 1873,	13.62
" " " 1874,	49.33
" " " 1875,	125.25
" J. H. Trumbull, " 1876,	546.08
Stock of liquor,	13.88

State bonds,	\$2,000.00
Cash in treasury,	889.09
Dog tax,	38.00
	— \$4,633.65
Balance against the town,	\$7,154.35

CHARLES C. KIMBALL,
JAMES L. GERRISH,
JAMES M. SNYDER, } *Selectmen
of
Webster.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of the town of Webster:

The schools during the year have been as successful as in most years. In some of the districts the terms have been lengthened by donation of board and fuel, and in others by tuition fees from pupils living outside of the district. Some of the teachers, too, in consideration of the hardness of the times, have taught for lower wages than have usually been paid. From these causes the schools have been somewhat prolonged, the increase being in the aggregate about eleven weeks.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*Sweatt's Mills*).

Summer term—Miss Mary E. Whittier, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$26; length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 11.

Miss Whittier is a teacher who wins the confidence of her scholars, thereby making the school both pleasant to her and profitable to them. The school at the examination showed marked improvement in all the branches taught.

Winter term—Miss Mattie George, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$22; length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss George is an experienced teacher, having taught many terms in town. Her abilities as an instructor need no comments. Suffice to say, the school was entirely satisfactory. s.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*Pleasant street*).

Summer term—Miss Fannie E. Sawyer, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$24; length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of pupils, 16; average attendance, $14\frac{1}{2}$.

At the examination the school made a good appearance. The deportment was good, and thoroughness seemed to be the basis on which Miss Sawyer founded her labors.

Winter term—Miss Adella G. Scott, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$22; length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of pupils, 18; average attendance, $15\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Scott is a young teacher, and did not seem to have the school under as good control as we could wish; but, nevertheless, she did her best for the interest of the pupils, who made some advance in the right direction.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Corser Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Mattie George, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$24; length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of pupils, 18; average attendance, $16\frac{1}{4}$.

The winter school was taught by the same teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$30; length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of pupils, 30; average attendance, $25\frac{3}{4}$.

This teacher—one of our very best—has had her usual success. At both terms the appearance of the school was exceedingly satisfactory. There was evidence of thorough and successful teaching, the pupils having fully mastered what they had been over. "They know what they are about," was remarked by one of the visitors.

While the essential branches, such as reading, writing, spelling, mathematics, geography, grammar, philosophy, &c., have been faithfully taught, we were pleased that declamations, gymnastics, and music have not been neglected.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Battle Street*).

Summer term—Miss Minnie V. Smith, teacher. Wages per month, including board, \$18; length of school, 6 weeks; whole number of pupils, 5; average attendance, $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The school appeared well at the opening examination, and, though accidentally prevented from being present at the close of the term, the committee, from what can be learned from parents and others, feel justified in saying that the school was satisfactory.

S.

Winter term—Mr. Herbert L. Call, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, $7\frac{1}{2}$.

The teacher has been faithful and unremitting in his efforts to make the term profitable to the pupils. Solid progress has been made. Penmanship has not been neglected or crowded into a corner, but a set time has been devoted each day to writing. There has been marked improvement in reading, and the advancement in the several classes in arithmetic, geography, and other studies has been very satisfactory. Parents and others who were present at the examination, as well as the committee, were well pleased with the appearance of the school.

L.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Sanborn Hill*).

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary A. Connor. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$13.50; whole number of pupils, 4; average attendance, $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Length of winter term, 8 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$14; whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Connor, although she had a small school, gave her whole attention to it, and the result was manifested by the promptness of the pupils in their recitations, and the degree of interest taken by them. Both terms closed with results creditable to teacher and scholars.

S.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*Little Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Louisa N. Burbank, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 11; average attendance, $10\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Burbank, though a young teacher, manifested great

energy, and labored hard for the advancement of her pupils, and her success with most of them was satisfactory. A larger experience, and more patience with the dull and the erring, will make her a very valuable teacher.

Winter term—Miss Gustie J. Stone, teacher. Length of school, $10\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, $9\frac{1}{4}$.

The school appeared well at the examination, the order and deportment being very creditable to teacher and pupils, and the progress quite commendable.

L.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*White Plain*).

Summer term—Miss Mary A. Jones, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$24; whole number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 11.

The scholars bore examination well, answering their questions with great promptness and accuracy. Good attention has been given to spelling and writing. The ready answers that the pupils gave to general questions showed that they had learned some things outside of their text books.

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The winter term, in connection with a private school, was taught by W. Abbott, the public school continuing six weeks. Amount expended for public school, \$41; number of pupils in attendance belonging to the district, 13; average attendance, 12.

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DISTRICT No. 8 (*Bashan*).

Both terms were taught by Miss Ellen K. Abbott. Length of summer school, 8 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$28; whole number of pupils, 27; average attendance, $24\frac{1}{2}$.

Length of winter term, 13 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$30; whole number of pupils, 33; average attendance, $25\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Abbott in both terms has fully sustained her former high reputation as an instructor. She seems to awaken an interest at the first of the term, that continues unabated till the

close. The teacher gave the arithmetic classes a thorough drill in fractions, which are too often lightly passed over. The improvement in reading also deserves special mention. Miss Abbott pays particular attention to this important subject; the progress made was very satisfactory.

The exhibition at the close of the winter term was interesting, and reflected credit upon the teacher and scholars. Such exercises arouse the energies of the pupils and give them confidence and self-control, but care should be taken lest they divert the attention too much from the main work of the school.

S.

DISTRICT No. 9 (*Putney*).

Summer term—Miss Hattie N. Thompson, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, $13\frac{3}{5}$.

Miss Thompson is an apt teacher, of considerable experience. Upon visiting the school at the commencement, we were much pleased with her manner of instruction. On account of sickness the school closed abruptly, without an examination. We feel confident, however, that the results would have been satisfactory had the teacher been able to complete her work.

Winter term—Mr. Henry D. Dustin, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$30; whole number of pupils, 23; average attendance, $18\frac{1}{4}$.

Mr. Dustin commenced the school with the determination to make it profitable to the scholars. He seemed to gain their confidence, and kept them interested in their studies, which was the secret of his success. The advancement made, the readiness with which the pupils solved the examples selected by the committee, and the pleased expression on the countenances of the parents present, gave conclusive evidence that his efforts had been successful.

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We are pleased to notice that the interest manifested by parents and citizens generally continues unabated. The number of visitors reported in the registers foots up 363, against 331,

the number last year. In what way can we more surely and successfully elevate our schools than by visiting them occasionally, not in a fault-finding way, but in a friendly spirit, showing our appreciation of the teachers' work and our interest in the improvement of the pupils? As "a cloud of witnesses" stimulated the ancient racers to exert themselves to the utmost, so the presence and friendly interest of older people will encourage the children and youth of our schools to make the most of their privileges, thereby fitting themselves to perform life's duties well, and winning a crown of wisdom which will shine with enduring lustre, when wreaths of laurel, like those that graced the brows of the Olympian victors, will be but withered and worthless leaves.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN ABBOTT,
JAMES M. SNYDER,
EPHRAIM LITTLE,
} Superintending
} School
} Committee.